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and RAGE in an amount effective to prevent atherosclerosis in the subject.--

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--16. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the administering is effected by intralesional, intraperitoneal, intramuscular or intravenous injection, infusion, liposome-mediated delivery, or topical, nasal, oral, ocular or otic delivery.--

--36. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the hyperlipidemia is hypercholesterolemia.--

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--37. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the hyperlipidemia is hypertriglyceridemia.--

--38. The method of claim 1, wherein the agent is a soluble extracellular portion of a receptor for advanced glycation endproduct (RAGE).--

--39. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the agent is soluble receptor for advanced glycation endproduct (sRAGE).--

--40. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the agent is an antibody or portion thereof capable of specifically binding to RAGE.--

--41. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the antibody is a

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monoclonal antibody.--

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- 42. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the antibody is a polyclonal antibody.--
- 43. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the portion of the antibody is a complementarity determining region.--
- 44. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the portion of the antibody is a variable region.--
- 45. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the portion of the antibody is an Fab portion.--
- 46. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide is admixed with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12, 13, 15-27, 29, 30 and 32-35 are pending in the subject application. Applicants have hereinabove canceled claims 5-7, 10, 12, 13, 19-27, 29, 30 and 32-35 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later-filed application. Further, applicants have amended claims 1 and 15-18 and added new claims 36-45. Support may be found *inter alia* in the specification as follows: claim 1: page 16, line 35 ad page 17, lines 1-8; claim 15: page 6, lines 6-9; claim 16: page 6, lines 9-12; claim 17: page 6, lines 14-17;